World Bank assistance for water supply in Maharashtra

3173. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Government of Maharashtra for rural water supply and environmental sanitation in 16 Districts of Maharashtra with World Bank assistance;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto and the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(c) whether Government have forwarded this proposal to the World Bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The 2nd Maharashtra Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project proposal had been posed to the World Bank for possible assistance in September, 2001 and is under appraisal of the Bank.

Drugs trade in capital

3174. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1595 given in the Rajya Sabha on 4th December, 2001 and state:

(a) whether Government are aware that drug market is still thriving in the Capital specially in Ambedkar Colony near Nehru Place and heroin is available in abundance in Jhuggies in Lajpat Nagar Railway Colony, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that drug market is flourishing with the active cooperation of police officials posted in those areas;

(c) the number of persons arrested for this illicit trade during the last two years; and

(d) whether action had been taken against the area police officials and if so, the details thereof?